

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the Application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A tray of vertebroplasty and surgical components for use in performing vertebroplasty, said tray comprising:

 a local anaesthesia assembly for producing a reversible loss of sensation in a surgical area proximate to a vertebral body;

 a bone cement assembly for preparation of a hardenable liquid biomaterial for strengthening said vertebral body;

 a surgical cutting instrument for providing cutaneous incision in said surgical area proximate to said vertebral body; and

 a device for injection of said hardenable liquid biomaterial into said vertebral body.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The tray according to claim 1, wherein said local anaesthesia assembly includes at least one container of a local anaesthesia.

Claim 3 (previously presented): The tray according to claim 1, wherein said local anaesthesia assembly includes at least one local anaesthesia aspiration syringe.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The tray according to claim 1, wherein said local anaesthesia assembly includes at least one local anaesthesia aspiration needle.

Claim 5 (previously presented): The tray according to claim 1, wherein said local anaesthesia assembly includes at least one local anaesthesia injection needle.

Claim 6 (previously presented): The tray according to claim 1, wherein said bone cement assembly includes at least one container of a liquid monomer.

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Claim 7 (previously presented): The tray according to claim 1, wherein said bone cement assembly includes at least one monomer aspiration needle.

Claim 8 (previously presented): The tray according to claim 1, wherein said bone cement assembly includes at least one monomer aspiration syringe.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The tray according to claim 1, wherein said bone cement assembly includes at least one mixing bowl.

Claim 10 (previously presented): The tray according to claim 1, wherein said bone cement assembly includes at least one mixing spatula.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The tray according to claim 1, wherein said bone cement assembly includes at least one container of polymer powder.

Claim 12 (previously presented): The tray according to claim 1, wherein said bone cement assembly includes an opacifier.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The tray according to claim 11, wherein said polymer powder is methylmethacrylate.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The tray according to claim 11, wherein said polymer powder in said hardenable liquid biomaterial is from about five grams to about forty grams of methylmethacrylate.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The tray according to claim 11, wherein said surgical cutting instrument is a scalpel.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The tray according to claim 11, wherein said device for injection is a vertebroplasty needle.

Claim 17 (currently amended): A vertebroplasty kit for use in performing vertebroplasty, said vertebroplasty kit comprising:

a first tray of vertebroplasty injection and surgical components for performing a first vertebroplasty injection through a first pedicle of a vertebral body;

a second tray of vertebroplasty injection and surgical components for performing a second vertebroplasty injection through a second pedicle of said vertebral body, such that said second tray of vertebroplasty injection components can remain sterile for use in another vertebral body if said first vertebroplasty injection sufficiently strengthens said vertebral body.

Claim 18 (previously presented): The kit according to claim 17, wherein said first tray and said second tray are individually assembled and packaged.

Claim 19 (previously presented): The kit according to claim 18, wherein said first tray and said second tray are sterile until use in performing vertebroplasty.

Claim 20 (currently amended): A tray of vertebroplasty and surgical components for use in performing vertebroplasty, said tray comprising:

- a local anaesthesia;
- a local anaesthesia aspiration syringe;
- a local anaesthesia aspiration needle;
- a local anaesthesia injection needle;
- a liquid monomer;
- a monomer aspiration needle;
- a monomer aspiration syringe;
- a mixing bowl;
- a mixing spatula;
- a polymer powder;
- an opacifier;
- a scalpel; and
- a vertebroplasty needle.

Claim 21 (currently amended): A tray of vertebroplasty and surgical components for use in performing vertebroplasty, said tray comprising:

- a local anaesthesia;
- a local anaesthesia aspiration syringe;
- a local anaesthesia aspiration needle;
- a local anaesthesia injection needle;
- a monomer aspiration needle;
- a monomer aspiration syringe;
- a mixing bowl;
- a mixing spatula;
- a scalpel; and
- a vertebroplasty needle.

Claim 22 (currently amended): A vertebroplasty kit for use in performing vertebroplasty, said vertebroplasty kit comprising:

a first tray of vertebroplasty injection and surgical components for performing a first vertebroplasty injection through a first pedicle of a vertebral body;

a second tray of vertebroplasty injection and surgical components for performing a second vertebroplasty injection through a second pedicle of said vertebral body, such that said second tray of vertebroplasty injection components can remain sterile for use in another vertebral body if said first vertebroplasty injection sufficiently strengthens said vertebral body [The kit according to claim 17],

wherein said first tray and said second tray each contain the following vertebroplasty injection and surgical components [comprise]:

- a local anaesthesia;
- a local anaesthesia aspiration syringe;
- a local anaesthesia aspiration needle;
- a local anaesthesia injection needle;
- a liquid monomer;
- a monomer aspiration needle;

- a monomer aspiration syringe;
- a mixing bowl;
- a mixing spatula;
- a polymer powder;
- an opacifier;
- a scalpel; and
- a vertebroplasty needle.

Claim 23 (currently amended): A vertebroplasty kit for use in performing vertebroplasty, said vertebroplasty kit comprising:

a first tray of vertebroplasty injection and surgical components for performing a first vertebroplasty injection through a first pedicle of a vertebral body;

a second tray of vertebroplasty injection and surgical components for performing a second vertebroplasty injection through a second pedicle of said vertebral body, such that said second tray of vertebroplasty injection components can remain sterile for use in another vertebral body if said first vertebroplasty injection sufficiently strengthens said vertebral body [The kit according to claim 17],

wherein said first tray and said second tray each contain the following vertebroplasty injection and surgical components [comprise]:

- a local anaesthesia;
- a local anaesthesia aspiration syringe;
- a local anaesthesia aspiration needle;
- a local anaesthesia injection needle;
- a monomer aspiration needle;
- a monomer aspiration syringe;
- a mixing bowl;
- a mixing spatula;
- a scalpel; and
- a vertebroplasty needle.